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VISIT OF NAVAL CHIEF TO USA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy Chief visited USA recently;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and outcome thereof;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the defence relations between India and USA?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit matters relating to enhancement of defence cooperation between the two countries, especially in the field of Navy, were discussed.

(c) There has been a steady development of defence relations with the United States. This has taken the form of continuation of high level military visits, training opportunities and exchanges, participation in seminars, cooperation in disaster management and joint exercises. In addition, the United States is now responding positively to opportunities for high-technology, defence sales and cooperation.